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SUBJECT: CODEL KENNEDY

1. SENATOR KENNEDY REQUESTS FOLLOWING ACTION BE TAKEN ON
RECEIPT TEXT UN UNIVERSITY SPEECH. TELEPHONE RICK BURKE
(HOME; 333-5807; OFFICE 224-2607) AND REQUEST HE PICK UP
CABLE EARLY THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 12, FOR TYPING AND
IMMEDIATE RELEASE AS KENNEDY PRESS RELEASE. TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. REMARKS BY SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY AT THE UNITED
NATIONS UNIVERSITY, TOKYO, JANUARY 12, 1978. BEGIN TEXT:

TO SAY THAT THE WORLD HAS BECOME A SMALLER PLACE ONLY
REPEATS A TIME WORN CLICHE. BUT OVER THE COURSE OF THE
PAST FEW WEEKS, EVEN IN THE EARTHEST REACHES OF CHINA, THE
VALIDITY OF THAT STATEMENT HAS ONCE AGAIN BECOME APPARENT
TO ME.

THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF NATIONS IS A PHENOMENON THAT HAS
ARISEN ONLY IN THE LAST FEW DECADES. IT HAS
OCCURED IN ALMOST EVERY AREA OF HUMAN EXPERIENCE --
IN TRADE AND IN COMMUNICATIONS AND IN THE ARTS.

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IN MY HOME TOWN OF BOSTON IT IS AS EASY TO BUY
AN AUTOMOBILE MADE IN NAGOYA AS IT IS TO BUY ONE
MADE IN DETROIT. WE WATCH BBC PROGRAMS ON AMERICAN
TELEVISION AND BUY FRENCH DRESSES IN OUR STORES.
AMERICAN MUSEUMS ARE CONSIDERED SOMEHOW INCOMPLETE
UNLESS THEY INCLUDE ART EXHIBITS FROM AFRICA AND
LATIN AMERICA, IN ADDITION TO THEIR COLLECTIONS

FROM EUROPE AND ASIA.

YET THE GLOBAL VILLAGE IN WHICH WE ALL NOW LIVE
HAS SPRUNG UP ALMOST WILLY NILLY -- LIKE SOME GOOD
RUSH BOOM TOWN OF THE OLD AMERICAN WEST. IT ARRIVED
UNANNOUNCED, UNEXPECTED AND UNPLANNED FOR. THAT IS
NOT TO SAY THAT IT IS UNWELCOME BUT IT DOES HELP
EXPLAIN WHY WE NOW FACE SOME PROBLEMS OF LIVING
TOGETHER IN A SHRUNKEN WORLD THAT WERE UNDREAMED OF
ONLY A DECADE AGO.

OUR MARVELOUS NEW COMMUNICATIONS MACHINES HAVE
CREATED A NEW AWARENESS AMONG THE LESSER DEVELOPED
NATIONS IN THE WORLD OF THE IMBALANCES IN WEALTH AND
OPPORTUNITY THAT NOW EXIST. YET THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING
TO HELP THOSE COUNTRIES MEET THEIR RISING EXPECTATIONS.

OUR WORLD MEDICAL SYSTEM HAS IN MANY NATIONS
SLOWED THE GROWTH OF INFANT MORTALITY. YET IT HAS
DONE LITTLE TO ENSURE THAT THOSE BABIES WHO NOW LIVE
BEYOND INFANCY WILL HAVE HEALTHY OR FRUITFUL LIVES.
AND THE WEALTH OF THE RICHER NATIONS LURES MANY
FOREIGN DOCTORS AWAY FROM THE AREAS WHERE THEY ARE
NEEDED MOST.

OUR MODERN AGRICULTURE HAS CREATED VAST
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SURPLUSES OF FOOD IN A FEW COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE
UNITED STATES, BUT ALLOWS MILLIONS ABROAD TO GO TO
BED HUNGRY EVERYNIGHT.

THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY SYSTEM, SPAWNED BY THE
NEEDS OF A FEW WEALTHY INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, HAS LEFT
THE POORER COUNTRIES LIKE SPECTATORS WHO ARE TOO POOR
TO BUY ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE MAIN EVENT, AS THE
SUPPLIES OF OIL HAVE DIMINISHED AND PRICES RISEN.

THESE ARE BUT A FEW OF THE PROBLEMS WE FACE IN
COMMON AS HUMAN BEINGS LIVING ON THE SAME PLANET. I
BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY WE ARE GOING TO BE
ABLE TO RESOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS. THAT IS BY WORKING
TOGETHER TO BRING THE BEST INTELLECTUAL RESOURCES OF
THE WORLD TO BEAR ON THEM.

THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY CAN MAKE AN
IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THAT EFFORT. THIS INSTITU-
TION CAN HELP CREATE THE GLOBAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH
SCHOLARS, SCIENTISTS, AND RESEARCHERS FROM EVERY
NATION CAN WORK TOGETHER ON OUR COMMON CONCERNS.

THIS INSTITUTION CAN HELP TO CREATE AN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT OF LEARNING THAT WILL MAKE IT UNNECESSARY FOR SCHOLARS TO DESERT THEIR NATIVE LANDS TO TRAVEL TO JUST A FEW CENTERS OF STUDY.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE UNIVERSITY CAN HELP MAKIND WAGE AN EFFECTIVE WAR ON THE AGE-OLD PROBLEMS OF HUNGER, DISEASE AND POVERTY, AND TO TACKLE AS WELL THE NEW DEMONS OF TECHNOLOGICAL IMBALANCES, INTELLECTUAL POVERTY AND ECONOMIC SLAVERY.

I AM ESPECIALLY PROUD THAT SOME OF MY OWN COUNTRYMEN HAVE MADE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS EFFORT. YOUR RECTOR, DR. JAMES HESTER, DESERVES HIGH UNCLASSIFIED

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PRAISE FOR TAKING ON THE DIFFICULT JOB OF ATTEMPTING TO LAUNCH A NEW INSTITUTION THAT REALLY HAS NO PRECEDENT. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SPECIAL NOTE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY'S WORLD HUNGER PROJECT MADE BY A RESIDENT OF MY OWN HOME STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, DR. NEVIN SCRIMSHAW, OF THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

I MUST ADD, HOWEVER, THAT DESPITE THE ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF THESE AND OTHER INDIVIDUAL AMERICANS OUR OWN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN REMISS IN FAILING

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TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY.
THIS UNIQUE EXPERIMENT IS FUNDED PRIMARILY THROUGH"
THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONS. I NOTE THAT
ON THE LIST OF THOSE MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS, THE NAME
OF JAPAN IS THE MOST PROMINENT; BUT THE NAME OF THE
UNITED STATES IS SADLY ABSENT.

THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS PLEDGED THAT IT
WILL AGAIN ASK CONGRESS TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE
UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY THIS YEAR. I ASSURE YOU
THAT I WILL LEND MY OWN SUPPORT TO THE EFFORT IN THE
CONGRESS.

THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE WEALTHIEST NATION IN
THE WORLD, WHICH ENJOYS THE FRUITS OF A WELL FINANCED
AND HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED ACADEMIC STRUCTURE, CANNOT
FIND THE RESOURCES TO HELP SPREAD THE BENEFITS OF
KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH TO OTHER PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY CAN
HAVE IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES. I
NOTE JUST ONE EXAMPLE. THE RESEARCH YOU ARE DOING IN
THE AREA OF ENERGY ALTERNATIVES FOR DEVELOPING NATIONS
COULD LEAD TO DEVELOPMENT OF A TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD
ENABLE SMALL COMMUNITIES TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT IN
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ENERGY THROUGH THE USE OF SOLAR POER, BIOGAS AND
OTHER MEANS.

DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH TECHNIQUES, I ASSURE YOU,
WOULD BE MOST WELCOME IN THE SMALL TOWNS AND
COMMUNITIES IN MY OWN HOME STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS
WHICH ARE FACING THEIR OWN FORM OF THE ENERGY
CRISIS.

IT WAS ONCE SAID THAT THE ENTIRE OCEAN CAN BE
AFFECTED BY A SINGLE PEBBLE. I BELIEVE THAT THE
WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY CAN DO MORE
THAN CREATE A FEW RIPPLES IN THE SEA OF HUNGER AND
POVERTY AND IGNORANCE THAT SURROUNDS US, AND THAT THE
ENTIRE WORLD CAN BE BETTER OFF AS A RESULT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
END TEXT.
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